Revitalizing Port Communities







What is Portfields?

- A federal interagency effort to address brownfields in port and harbor areas.
- Emphasis on development of environmentally-sound port facilities.
- Originated from the Brownfields Federal Partnership Action Agenda.



Why Portfields?

- 95% of U.S. foreign trade travels through our Nation's ports.
- Waterborne commerce contributes \$742 Billion to GDP, and employs 13 million people.
- Volume expected to double by 2020.
- Many brownfields are located in coastal communities.
- Brownfields cleanup can facilitate port redevelopment, and provide economic, environmental, and social benefits.



Portfields Federal Agencies

Department of Commerce

- -National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- -Economic Development Administration

Environmental Protection Agency

- -Office of Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment
- -Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Department of the Interior

Department of Labor

-Employment and Training Administration

Department of Transportation

-Maritime Administration

US Army Corps of Engineers



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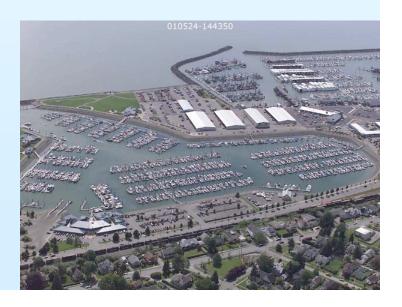
Portfields- Phased Approach

- Interviewed representatives from ports that have successfully incorporated brownfields redevelopment into port activities.
- Partnered with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) to develop a report from information gathered through interviews.
- Portfields Phase I Report (http://www.brownfields.noaa.gov/htmls/portfields/port_resources.html)



Portfields Implementation

- Portfields Pilot Ports: New Bedford, MA; Bellingham, WA; Tampa, FL
- Federal agencies will work in close partnership to provide integrated and targeted resources to the Pilot Ports.
- Federal agencies will partner with port communities, state programs, and other stakeholders to help:
 - Redevelop brownfields
 - Revitalize waterfront areas
 - Improve marine transportation systems
 - Restore and protect coastal resources
 - Enhance homeland security
- Portfields will build on the Port's existing efforts to be both an engine of commerce and a good steward of the environment.



Portfields Implementation (cont.)

- Kickoff Meetings will be held in each port.
 - Will include port representatives, federal and state partners, and other stakeholders.
 - -Strengthen partnerships, understand Ports goals and needs, and identify agency roles, capabilities and resources.
 - -Bellingham (March 25); New Bedford (April 7); Tampa (April 15-16).
- Develop port-specific Implementation Plans for completing Portfields projects in FY04 and beyond.



Portfields FY04 Milestones

Step 1 Form Implementation Plan Teams

the right people ...

- Engage representatives from (1) ports, (2) federal agencies, and (3) state and local organizations
- Establish partnerships and share information

January- February 2004

Step 2
Kickoff Meetings

relationships ...

- Strengthen partnerships
- Understand ports goals & needs
- Identify agency roles, capabilities and resources
- Identify immediate and long-term actions

March - April 2004

Step 3

Develop

Implementation Plans

commitments ...

- Additional partnership meetings
- Identify priority actions, timelines, and commitments

April - August 2004

Step 4
2004 Brownfields
Conference

promotion ...

- Portfields Panel session:
 - Implementation Plans
 - Successes
 - Lessons learned
 - Resources
 - Year-end Report

September 20-22, 2004 St. Louis, MO

Immediate action on specific projects



Outreach

- <u>To Partners</u> Implementation Plan Team working websites
 - Brochures and videos
- To Congress Portfields Coalition
 - Federal agency congressional briefings
- To the Public Portfields website
 - Press releases

Technical Transfer

- Exchange best practices and "lessons learned"
- Inventory federal activities at pilot ports
- Inventory prospective coastal brownfields redevelopment resources – funding and technical services

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